



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*  
*Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor*  
*Joseph P. Gill, Secretary*  
*Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary*

Motions and Actions Summary (Revised, 4/24)  
Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee (ARC)  
Tawes Building, C-1A Conference Room, Annapolis, MD  
Thursday, April 10, 2014  
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

(Staff Contact: Erik Zlokovitz ,MDDNR Artificial Reef Coordinator -ezlokovitz@dnr.state.md.us)

**ARC Members in Attendance:** Chairman Monty Hawkins (OCRF), Vice-Chairman Dave Dansberger (Rec Fishing Community, Upper Bay), Ed Liccione (MARI Treasurer/CCA), David Sutherland (USFWS), Capt. Rick Younger (DNR/MGS), Clint Waters (MSSA), Capt. Karl Willey (CBF), Gary Setzer (MDE), Norm McCullough (MD Hydronauts), Doug Clark (Proxy for Bill Huppert, Upper Bay/MSSA), Tom Ireland (MCBA)

**ARC Members not in Attendance:** Richard Webster, Greg Madjeski, Curtis Johns, Bill Huppert (sent proxy, see above), Mark Galasso, Darryl Del Pino, Richard Berich.

**DNR-Fisheries Staff in Attendance:** Erik Zlokovitz, Scott Knoche

**Motion:**

Motion for allocation of the new 2014 Bond Bill funding (200K) as follows: Bay construction 65% (\$130,000), Ocean Construction 25% (\$50,000), Monitoring Set-aside 10% (\$20,000). Motion passed with all in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained.

**Motion:**

Previously approved via email was funding for hats and logbooks (approx \$1000 for the 2014 angler survey). None opposed. Comment: if we work under a proposed “not to exceed” ceiling of \$3000 for the 2014 survey, we would have some funds to buy prizes/extra incentives on the back end of the survey for anglers who commit and finish the survey.

**Action Items:**

- DNR Artificial Reef Coordinator will provide the electronic versions of the SFAC/TFAC and CFAC operating guidelines to consider as operating guidelines for ARC. The ARC is a committee appointed by the Secretary, and is not a Commission appointed by the Governor. For example, the statutory info and recorder / verbatim minutes as described in SFAC/TFAC do not apply to ARC. Therefore operating guidelines for ARC will probably be more similar to the CFAC operating guidelines.
- ARC identified the existing permitted “fish haven” off Love Point as their priority site for the next reef project. The DNR Artificial Reef Coordinator was able to get only one cost estimate of deploying rock material at this site from marine contractors. The ARC would like to move forward with construction under this bid. A separate offer of beach rubble material was not acceptable to the ARC but might be considered in the future if trucking costs were removed and if the material was guaranteed clean and free of fines.

- The DNR Artificial Reef Coordinator requested an additional 1.5 acre box at the Memorial Stadium reef site (upper Bay) for placement of additional reef balls in May of 2014. Request for expansion was sent to Army Corps. DNR staff are waiting for a response from Army Corps.
- The ARC would like to pursue concrete pipes ranging from 24 inch diameter to 6 foot diameter in a storage yard in the Jessup area. Artificial reef coordinator will discuss with chain of command for review and approval and will get cost estimates on trucking material and moving to marine facilities.
- The ARC would like to pursue a derelict steel barge (from DNR abandoned boats division) for sinking on Bay reef site, if the cost is low and if abandoned boats division can handle logistics and delivery to reef. Artificial reef coordinator has requested estimate for delivery to a Bay reef site, and to an ocean reef site for price comparison. Artificial reef coordinator must discuss this type of material with chain of command for review and approval, since this type of barge has not been sunk on bay reef sites for several years.
- The reef coordinator will coordinate with CBF staff to conduct a bottom survey in Talbot section of Bill Burton Pier reef site. This area has been identified for reef ball placement (reef balls were placed on Dorchester side last year). There is a need to avoid possible patches of soft mud bottom that have been reported by local anglers.
- Efforts are ongoing to sign up anglers for volunteer logbook survey to be conducted in June, July and August. Approximately 65 anglers are on the interest list. The survey has been advertised on social media and the reef coordinator will continue to work with a volunteer to sign-up anglers fishing group meetings (MSSA, PSG, etc.). Will also coordinate with CBF and MSSA-Dorchester to do additional pier fishing on reef ball site. There will be a post reef ball placement survey on Dorchester side and pre-placement survey at Talbot County side.
- In addition to the efforts on angler logbook surveys, another round of dive photography was completed on Woodrow Wilson reefs and various reef ball sites. Most recently, the Point No Point Artificial Reef Site was photographed in early April.
- Update from USFWS on Hail Cove reef project. Project scheduled to start in April. Contractor is dealing with a mechanical issue.